

## **Reserve your Seat for March 19<sup>th</sup> Downtown Perk**

Minnesota lawmakers are assembling bonding packages and funding for the DECC expansion looks promising. Learn more about the latest developments for a proposed \$80 Million Arena at the DECC when Dan Russell, DECC Executive Director, serves as our guest speaker at Downtown Perk.

Dan Russell has been Executive Director of the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center for the past 18 years. Before that, he was director of the Duluth Convention and Visitors Bureau for 11 years. During his tenure at the DECC, he has seen operating revenue increase from \$1.6 million to over \$8 million annually, opened the City Side Convention Center, and has overseen the construction of the Harbor Side Convention Center; as well as the OMNI Max Theatre, the Duluth 10 movie theatre and the DECC Parking Ramp. He is looking forward to giving the Downtown Community an update on the DECC's latest project, the much anticipated arena.

The Greater Downtown Council will host its quarterly breakfast meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30 at the Radisson Hotel.

Call 727-8549 to reserve your space now.

**Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2008**

**Time: 7:30AM**

**Location: Radisson Hotel**

**Speaker: Dan Russell, DECC Executive Director**

**Cost: \$10 for members, \$15 non-members**